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1. THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (COL. LESSING) HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT IT CANNOT AGREE TO THE PROPOSED APRIL 3-7 TIME FRAME FOR THE NDPC SECURITY SURVEY IN GERMANY BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE TIME FOR PREPARATION AND BECAUSE OF A HEAVY WORK LOAD ON OTHER SECURITY QUESTIONS (I.E., LUTZE CASE). LESSING SAID THE FRG WOULD BE WILLING TO AIM FOR A SECURITY SURVEY IN LATE MAY.

2. THE DIRECTOR OF THE "ARMS RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES" BRANCH OF THE MINISTRY'S ARMAMENTS DIVISION, MR. RESPONDEK, HAS TOLD US THAT HE IS UNHAPPY WITH THE ABOVE DECISION OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICE BECAUSE HE FEARS IT COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON US-FRG CO-PRODUCTION PROJECTS. RESPONDEK HAS TOLD US THAT HE MAY TRY TO OBTAIN A REVERSAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE
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OFFICE'S DECISION. THE EMBASSY WILL DO WHAT IT CAN TO ENSURE THAT THE SURVEY TEAM IS RECEIVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. THE DEFENSE MINISTRY'S INTELLIGENCE OFFICE HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY FOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. "WHICH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DOES THE TEAM PLAN TO VISIT?"

B. "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF CONVENTIONAL ORDERS, WHICH INDUSTRIAL FIRMS HAVE RECEIVED U.S. CLASSIFIED MATERIAL UNDER THE PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN AGREEMENT ON THE PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL OF DECEMBER 23, 1960?"

4. THE EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO HANDLE THESE QUESTIONS LOCALLY, BUT ANY INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE WASHINGTON COULD PROVIDE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT THE DEFENSE MINISTRY WILL HOLD AN INTERNAL MEETING ON MARCH 16 TO CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT THE APRIL 3-7 TIME FRAME CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER ALL. WE SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS OF THAT MEETING AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.
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